

District Judge Ricardo S. Martinez

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

JENNIFER LYNN BARROWS,

Plaintiff,

v.

ANDREW SCHOFER, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:24-cv-00598-RSM

STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD  
CASE IN ABEYANCE AND ORDER

Noted for Consideration:  
July 9, 2024

Plaintiff and Defendants, by and through their counsel of record, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6 and Local Rules 7(d)(1), 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly stipulate and move to stay these proceedings through August 23, 2024. Plaintiff brings this litigation pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act and Mandamus Act seeking, *inter alia*, to compel Defendants to complete processing of Plaintiff's husband's immigrant visa application. Defendants' response to the Complaint is currently due on July 9, 2024. For good cause, the parties request that the Court hold this case in abeyance through August 23, 2024.

Courts have "broad discretion" to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706 (1997). "[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for

counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R. Civ. P. 1.

The U.S. Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan, has returned Plaintiff’s Form I-130, Petition for Alien Relative, to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) with a recommendation that the petition be revoked. USCIS previously approved the petition in 2021 and that is the underlying basis for the immigrant visa application at issue here. The return of the petition is in process. However, Defendants cannot act on the visa application as the petition is now back with USCIS. The parties need time to confer and to determine next steps for this litigation.

Accordingly, the parties respectfully request that the instant action be stayed until August 23, 2024. The parties will submit a joint status report on or before August 23, 2024.

DATED this 9th day of July, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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***I certify that this memorandum contains 283 words, in compliance with the Local Civil Rules.***

**ORDER**

The case is held in abeyance until August 23, 2024. The parties shall submit a joint status report on or before August 23, 2024. It is so **ORDERED**.

DATED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.



RICARDO S. MARTINEZ  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE